

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 51-53. New claim 51 is drawn to the process of claim 2, wherein the film forming composition does not contain a plasticizer. Support for claim 51 can be found through out the specification and in particular at page 8, first paragraph. New claim 52 is drawn to the process of claim 2, wherein the film forming composition contains the bulking agent, the at least one hydrocolloid film former is carrageenan, and the bulking agent is corn syrup. Support for claim 52 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at pages 6-9. New claim 53 is drawn to a homogeneous, thermoreversible gel film made from the process of claims 51 or 52, wherein the gel film has a solids content of a least 80% by weight of all components in the gel film. Support for claim 53 can be found throughout the specification and in particular at page 10, fourth paragraph. No new matter has been added.

An early and favorable Office Action is requested.

A check in the amount of 72.00 for additional claim fees is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, that may associated with this Preliminary Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-2775.

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